

MADIGAN ARMY MEDICAL CENTER TACOMA, WASHINGTON



Colonel Jerome Penner, III COMMANDER

Colonel Jerome (Jerry) Penner obtained his ROTC commission from Murray State University 1982, graduating with a Bachelor of Science. After serving as a Quartermaster officer in the 100th Armored Division (Reserves), Louisville, Kentucky for nearly 4 years, he entered active duty in February 1986.

Colonel Penner's TOE assignments include 1/187th Infantry Battalion and 326th Medical Battalion at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; 47th Combat Support Battalion, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; 31st Combat Support Hospital, Fort Bliss, Texas; and 86th Combat Support Hospital (Iraq). Field duties include every leadership position from medical platoon leader through battalion commander.

Colonel Penner's TDA assignments include Evans Army Community Hospital, Fort Carson, Colorado; Raymond W. Bliss Community Hospital, Fort Huachuca, Arizona; Dunham U.S. Army Health Clinic, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania; Kimbrough Army Health Clinic, Fort Meade, Maryland; and Blanchfield Army Community Hospital, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. TDA positions held include Chief, Clinical Support Division; Chief, Managed Care Division, Deputy Commander for Administration four times including one tour in a combat theater and in his current assignment as Commander, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity, Fort Drum, New York.

Colonel Penner's most recent deployment was for 12 months in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Chief of Staff, Medical Task Force 86, Baghdad, Iraq from December 04-November 05.

Colonel Penner's military education includes the AMEDD Officers Basic and Advance Courses, Command and General Staff College, U.S. Army-Baylor Master in Health Administration Program and U.S. Army War College.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Superior Unit Award, Overseas Service Ribbon, and National Defense Service Ribbon. Colonel Penner is a recipient of the Expert Field Medical Badge, Parachutist Badge and Air Assault Badge. He is also of recipient of honorary awards to include the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara and Order of Military Medical Merit. He is a Diplomate in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Colonel Penner has been married for 23 years to the former Jamie Cay Shelton of Gideon, Missouri, and they have two boys, Jerome IV and Jason.